(c) As per procedure, the draft policy has been made available to the members of the public through the Ministry's website and copies of the said policy have also been sent to the Central Ministers, Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, State Governments, UT Administrations, academicians, anthorpoligists, social activists, experts working for the welfare of tribal people and other stakeholders for their comments and suggestions, which are required for finalization of the policy. No time-frame for implementation can be provided at this stage.

Restrictions on Scheduled Tribes on leasing or mortgaging property

2556. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have restricted the land and building of Scheduled Tribes from leasing out or mortgaging to the Bank/PSU companies for business, higher education and housing loan purposes for their upliftment;

(b) if so, whether this restriction is made throughout the country or for some State only, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to remove this restriction for upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) the time-frame Government require to remove this restriction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Land and its management is a State subject. Therefore, any restriction on leasing out or mortgaging of the land and building of Scheduled Tribes is a matter which falls within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Jobs for tribals in the country

2557. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been conducted to find out whether tribal from Central India, such as Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Madhya